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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government see no need to place a copy of the representation on the table.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 3402, L. & M., dated 23rd August 1933, already placed on the table with reference to question No. 508 answered on 29th January 1934.

(*d*) No; but in order to remove certain misconceptions, Government thought it necessary to explain, in G.O. No. 4920, L. & M., dated 28th November 1933, the circumstances in which the earlier Government Order was issued. A copy of this Government Order was also placed on the table with reference to question No. 508, answered on 29th January 1934.

(*e*) & (*f*) Do not arise.

Taluk boards with a deficit budget during the year 1933–34.

* 656 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many taluk boards were not able to balance their budget for 1933–34; and

(*b*) what the names are of such taluk boards and what the closing balances under General as well as Education Funds of each?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Statements [a] are laid on the table. In regard to Elementary Education Fund information has been furnished only in respect of those taluk boards the budgets of which have been received so far.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" Did the Government appoint a special officer to go into the question of finances of taluk boards before they ordered the constitution of taluk boards for each taluk? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" What did the Government do, Sir? Before the Act was given effect to, did the Government in any way satisfy themselves that the newly constituted boards would be self-supporting or not? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" As far as I am aware, no special officer was appointed in connexion with this matter."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" Did the Government satisfy themselves in any other way that the newly constituted boards would be self-supporting? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The Government have merely carried out the provisions of the Bill passed by this House."

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MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Did the Government think that the provisions of the Bill were mandatory, if so, why was not the same principle observed with regard to panchayats? Should they not enquire whether or not the new boards would be self-supporting?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I do not see why any special officer should be appointed for this purpose. The provision was that each revenue taluk should be constituted into a separate taluk board."

Application for a loan from the Cumbum Taluk Board.

* 657 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Cumbum and Markapur taluk boards in the Kurnool district have applied for a loan of Rs. 20,000 each, through the President, District Board;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Markapur Taluk Board alone got the said loan or advance;

(*c*) whether the President, District Board, Kurnool, recommended the application for loan for the Cumbum Taluk Board;

(*d*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House his recommendations; and

(*e*) what steps the Government have taken with regard to the arrears of salaries of teachers in the Cumbum Taluk Board?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have received an application from the Markapur Taluk Board for an advance of Rs. 20,000 to meet its outstanding liabilities and the matter is under the consideration of the Government. The Cumbum Taluk Board first applied to the Kurnool District Board for a contribution of Rs. 20,000 from the general funds of the latter and for a loan of Rs. 20,000 from the District Board Railway Cess Fund or, if a contribution was not possible, for a loan of the entire sum from the District Board Railway Cess Fund. The President, District Board, thereon reported that this taluk board was spending on an extravagant scale and that it was not possible to comply with its request until it made its normal receipts cover the normal expenditure. It is open to the taluk board to apply to Government for an advance of the amount required to meet its outstanding liabilities after effecting necessary retrenchments in expenditure so as to make repayment of the advance possible. The President, Taluk Board, Cumbum, has since applied to Government for a compassionate grant of Rs. 10,000 to wipe off its deficit. The Government have decided that pending the proposed abolition of taluk boards no compassionate grant should ordinarily be given to taluk boards.